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**Secretary to Ex Chief of Police of East St. Louis
Sentenced Before the United States District Court
for Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 19, 2006, **JANERRA CARSON-SLAUGHTER**, former secretary to Ronald Matthews, the ex-Chief of Police of the East St. Louis, Illinois Police Department, was sentenced before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, to two (2) years' probation. In addition, **CARSON-SLAUGHTER** was ordered to pay a \$150 fine and a \$100 Special Assessment. **CARSON-SLAUGHTER** pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice on March 14, 2005.

The successful prosecution was obtained in an investigation by the Metro East Public Corruption Task Force. Law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation include the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the United States Postal Inspection Service; the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation; the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and the Illinois State Police. The prosecution of the case was handled by Special Assistant United States Attorney Hal Goldsmith.